



## LASER i3

A \$500,000 traditional grant was used to leverage a \$6,000,000 investment in science education. The National Science Resources Center (NSRC) from the Smithsonian Science Education Center selected the [SMT](#) to receive a national grant under *Investing in Innovation (i3)*. SMT worked with NSRC to implement the *LASER Model: A Systemic and Sustainable Approach for Achieving High Standards in Science Education* in NC. LASER helps define needs in school districts and develop and implement programs that help build scientifically literate students and infrastructure. The SMT reached 23,000 student and almost 1,000 teachers in Green, Warren, Moore, Wilson, Cleveland and McDowell counties. The 2010 matching grant ended with a [final report](#) in 2015.